

Happy Birthday!

- 21 Galen Bents
- 22 Alyssa Hietbrink
- 23 Janelle Johnson
- 24 Sherry Benton
Anita Leach
Taya Oberloh
- 25 Ann Schieck-Solomon
Ben Wieneke

Happy Anniversary!

- 16 Shawn & Kelly Kluever
- 21 Scott & Stacy Lee

Church Family Prayer List

Each week throughout the year, we pray intentionally for families from all of our churches - please include these families in your prayer life this week.

Connie Haberman
Beth Habicht
Mary Hammond
Chad & Meegan Heidebrink & family
Larry & Jan Heidebrink
Scott & Dana Hedebrink & family
Abby Hibma
Dave & Hollie Hibma
Elly Hibma
Gary & Sally Hibma
Micah & Alyssa Hietbrink & family

Let's remember to visit those who are in Care Centers or are homebound: especially reach out to Betty Taarud, Margaret Loger, Mary Prins, LaDee Grant, and Norma Swenson

One visit goes a long way!

PRAYER CORNER

Prayers for immediate health concerns:
Shellie Williams Kari Meyer's father
Etta Schroeder Logan Waldner
Lourdes Franco Chris Nelson
Sherry Benton Lowell Carlson
Beth Habicht Tom Cavanaugh
Virgil Buck Clyde Scheevel
Ron Husenga Rod Behrends
Kathy Tetrick-Hoffbeck (pastor @Jeffers)
Colter (Thelma Yager's great nephew)

Prayers for those dealing with cancer
Galen Benton Shellie Williams
Myron Grussing Janelle Johnson
Christopher Allen Brown
Duane Enns
Marian Reitsma (friend of Jolene Kuhl)
Stacy White
Mike Miller
Jeff Wachell (friend of Deb Steinle)

Persons recovering/dealing with health issues:
Nancy Hyink Alden Remme
Weston Erlandson Bill Carlberg
Emma Schnyders Ariana Lopez
Pat Huisenga Larry Doeden

For those dealing with grief and loss...

Giving thanks & praying for:
Our farmers during this harvest season
Our Bishop and District Superintendent...
Our teachers, administrators, students...
Front line health care workers...
Law enforcement & emergency workers...
Service women & men and their families...

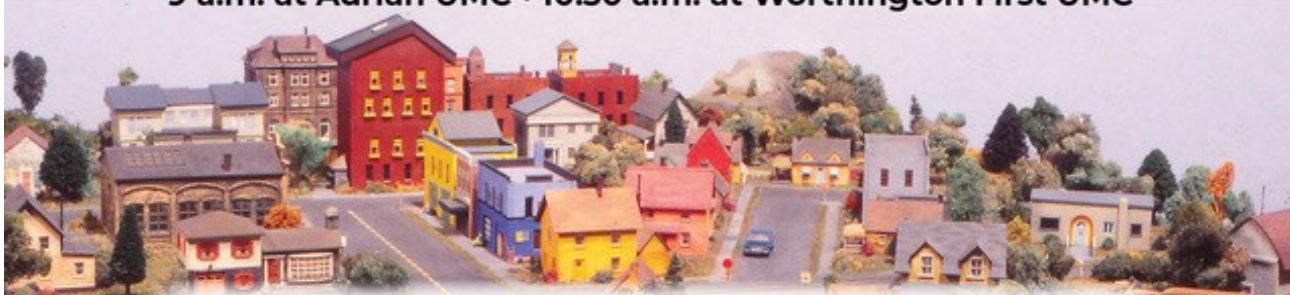
If you have a loved one you would like to have added to the Prayer Corner list, or if any name needs to be removed from this list, please contact the church office:

507.372.2939
methodistoffice@gmail.com

The Gospel according to Fred Rogers

Series starts
Sunday, September 21

9 a.m. at Adrian UMC • 10:30 a.m. at Worthington First UMC



This sermon series invites us to explore the profound faith behind the beloved icon, discovering powerful lessons about love, acceptance, and how to create a more compassionate world—right in our own backyard.



Sunday, October 19th, 2025
Worship - 10:30 a.m.



livestream links

The Boxcast TV Channel
First UMC YouTube Channel
First UMC FaceBook Channel

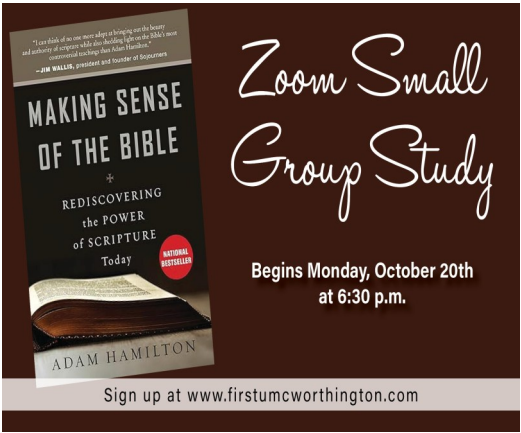
PASTOR:	Pastor John Mitchem	ORGANIST	Jolene Kuhl
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:	Lori Nienkerk	BELL DIRECTOR	Brenda DeSmith
FAMILY LIFE:	Gretchen O'Donnell	TECH TEAM:	Kari & Claire Meyer
CUSTODIANS:	Sarah & Chad Nickel	GREETERS:	Eldon & Sue Bents

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS - TUESDAY through Friday - 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

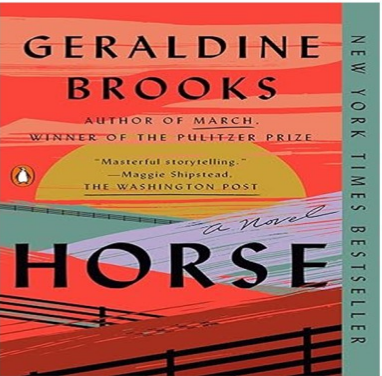
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Making Sense of the Bible: Rediscovering the Power of Scripture Today. Zoom small group study begins on Monday, October **20th** at 6:30 pm. **Please note date change.** Sign up on the www.firstumcworthington.com website. Denominations from evangelical to mainline continue to experience deep divisions over universal social issues. The underlying debate isn't about a particular social issue, but rather about how we understand the nature of scripture and how we should interpret it. The world's bestselling, most-read, and most-loved book is also one of the most confusing.

In Making Sense of the Bible, Adam Hamilton, one of the country's leading pastors and Christian authors, addresses the hot-button issues that plague the church and cultural debate, and answers many of the questions frequently asked by Christians and non-Christians alike. Did Jesus really teach that everyone who is not a Christian will be assigned to hell? Why would Paul command women to "keep silent in the church?" Were Adam and Eve real people? Is the book of Revelation really about the end times? Who decided which books made it into the scriptures and why? Is the Bible ever wrong? In approachable and inviting language? Hamilton addresses these often-misunderstood biblical themes, leading readers to a deeper appreciation of the Bible so that we might hear God speak through it and find its word to be life-changing and life-giving.



FIRESIDE BOOK CLUB

Based on the remarkable true story of the record-breaking thoroughbred Lexington, *Horse*, by Geraldine Brooks, is a novel of art and science, love and obsession, and our unfinished reckoning with racism. Come prepared to discuss this thought-provoking book. Bring a friend!

Tuesday, October 21st at 7:00p.m. - Fireside Room.

Baked Potato Lunch

Join us on Sunday, November 2nd after the worship service for a Baked Potato Lunch. Toppings of chili and broccoli will be served along with coleslaw, beverage, and desert. This will be a fund raiser for the Mission Haiti project where we will be raising funds for the SAM Elderly Home. Freewill donations will be taken. Mark your calendar! We hope you can join us.

PRAYER HYMN UMH #393 - "Spirit of the Living God"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - THE LORD'S PRAYER

GENEROSITY MOMENT

(please place your offering in the plates as you depart worship or visit our website <http://www.firstumcworthington.com/give>)

DOXOLOGY UMH #94 - "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

SPECIAL MUSIC "Onward , Christian Soldiers" Bell Choir
(directed by Brenda DeSmith)

We Hear God's Word

SCRIPTURE LESSON Ephesians 4:26-32

MESSAGE "Fred Rogers—Dealing With Our Pastor John Mitchem
Feelings of Being Mad"

We Go Forth to Serve God

THE BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN UMH #431- "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

Feel Free to follow Pastor John on Social Media
<https://www.facebook.com/jdmitchem>

Care Center Residents:

First UMC:

Meadows Memory Care

Ray Hinz

The Shores

LaDee Grant

Sibley Specialty Care Center

Norma Swenson

Adrian UMC:

Mary Jane Brown Ctr (Luverne)

Mary Prins

Adrian Country Living Cottage

Margaret Loger

You can catch our live stream broadcast on your smartphone, iPad, Smart TV or computer at on any one of four different app channels or online websites:

[The Boxcast TV Channel](#)

[First UMC Website](#)

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Please note that all of our services can be viewed even after the service is over. For questions, please contact the church office.

FH = Fellowship Hall

FR = Fireside Room

This Week

SUN

6:30 am Worship Re-Broadcast on TV
9:00 am Worship @ Adrian
9:00 am Sunday School
9:00 am Adult Sunday School
9:45 am Coffee Fellowship– FH
10:30 am Worship @ First
1:00 pm Cristo En Tu Ayuda

MON

9:00 am Ladies Fall Bible Study - FR
3:00 pm Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3
6:30 pm Zoom Bible Study starts

TUES

9:30 am Ladies' Coffee @ Hy-Vee
2:00 pm Grief Share @First Lutheran
3:00 pm Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3
5:00 pm PSPRC Meeting
7:00 pm Fireside Book Club-FR
7:00 pm Chamber Singers practice

WED

8:00 am Men's Breakfast @Blue Line
5:15 pm Connect Wednesday dinner
5:45 pm Worship
6:00 pm Program
6:00 pm Confirmation Meeting
7:00 pm Bell practice

THURS

4:30 pm Missions Meeting
5:30 pm First Council Meeting
7:00 pm WASO practice - FH

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Connect WEDNESDAY

5:15-5:45 pm FREE Dinner for all ages

5:45-6:00 pm Worship

6:00-7:00 pm Exciting Kids, Youth and Adult Programming

Adults will watch The Chosen series and have a short discussion.

First United Methodist Church
408 11th Street, Worthington, MN

The CHOSEN

Join us Wednesdays
at First United Methodist
Church, 408 11th Street,
Worthington, for a free
meal at 5:15. Afterwards, we
will watch The Chosen and
have a short discussion.
Childcare is provided.

Friendship Supper

THE FRIENDSHIP SUPPER IS NOV. 11TH. This is a supper for the area's mentally and physically challenged. We serve pizza and then play Bingo. Our guests love this time with us and all go home with at least 3 prizes. So, WE NEED PRIZES.

They love theatre size candy, Christmas decorations (no candles), stuffed animals, puzzles, caps, greeting cards, really anything. So if you have things at home you don't use or pick things up at a \$ store, PLEASE bring them to the church office for prizes starting now. We usually serve over 60 guests. If questions, call Pat 507-360-1400 or any Night Light member. THANK YOU

October is Pastor Appreciation Month

Drop Pastor John a note or do something special for him to show him you care.

